

REMARKS

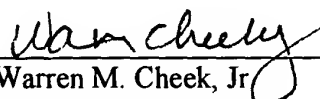
The specification has been revised to effect various editorial changes which are self-explanatory.

In addition, the claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies in order to reduce the PTO filing fee and eliminate improper multiple dependencies.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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